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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA WHITMAN

TAGS: OTRA (WILLIS, FRANKLIN), EAIR

SUB: TRAVEL OF F. K. WILLIS (L/AF)

REF: LONDON 9264 (NOTAL)

1. GOG CURRENTLY HAS PENDING REQUEST TO HOLD BILATERAL AVIATION TALKS WITH USG, AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED NOVEMBER DATES. GOG HAS BEEN INSISTENT UPON BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH USG, AND HAS USED GREAT PRESSURE ON PAN AM IN EFFORT TO FORCE USG INTO AGREEMENT. ONE RESULT IS THAT PANAM WILL CUT BACK FROM SIX TO TWO FLIGHTS WEEKLY THROUGH ACCRA, EFFECTIVE JUNE 24.

2. SHOULD WILLIS COME TO ACCRA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG ON AIR LAW THERE IS NO DOUBT GHANAIS WILL SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT BILATERAL, AND THEY WILL ASSUME HIS VISIT IN REPOSE TO THEIR PRESSURE. WILLIS WOULD HAVE TO BE FULLY BRIEFED, AND COGNIZANT OF CURRENT DEPARTMENT THINKING (AFRICAN AVIATION POLICY BEING REVIEWED).

3. ASSUMPTION REFTEL THAT GOG OFFICIALS UNAVAILABLE FOR
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MEETINGS FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY IS CORRECT. ON

THIS BASIS, REFTTEL INDICATED HE NEEDED TO DEPART FOR LAGOS LATE AFTERNOON JUN 23 OR EARLY MORNING JUNE 24. HOWEVER, LATEST MONDAY DEPARTURE FOR LAGOS IS 1400 (CHECK-IN 1300) VIA WT 942, ETA LAGOS 1550; ONLY TUESDAY DEPARTURE IS GH 552, ETD 1600, ETA 1745. FLIGHTS MUST BE BOOKED WELL IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF DEMAND. SIMILARLY, HOTELS MUST BE RESERVED WELL IN ADVANCE.

4. IF ON BASIS OF FOREGOING WILLIS STILL WISHES TO VISIT ACCRA, WE WILL DO BEST POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE HOTEL AND FLIGHT RESERVATIONS, AND TO SET UP APPROPRIATE GOG MEETINGS FOR MONDAY MORNING. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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